

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP**  
Jochen Mast et al. )  
Application No.: 10/577,556 ) Group Art Unit: 2832  
Filed: October 30, 2006 ) Examiner: TUYEN T. NGUYEN  
For: ROTARY TRANSFORMER ) Confirmation No.: 8187  
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**RESPONSE TO  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 8, 2010, the Examiner has indicated that an election of one of the following groups of species is required:

- Species I: Figure 1 - claims 1-2, 4-5, 11, 14, 17-18;
- Species II: Figure 2 - claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 15-17; and
- Species III Figure 3 - claims 1, 3, 8-13, 19-20

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species I, with traverse.

According to the Examiner's groupings, at least claims 1 and 11 are generic to all three species.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application(s) with regard to any non-elected claims.

The election of species requirement is traversed, as it will not reduce the workload of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or simplify prosecution of the application. As set forth in MPEP §803, there are two criteria for a proper restriction and/or election of species requirement between patentably distinct inventions: (1) the

inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and (2) there must be a **serious burden** on the Examiner if restriction is not required. This portion of the MPEP requires that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the election of species requirement.

Early examination and favorable action on the claims are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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